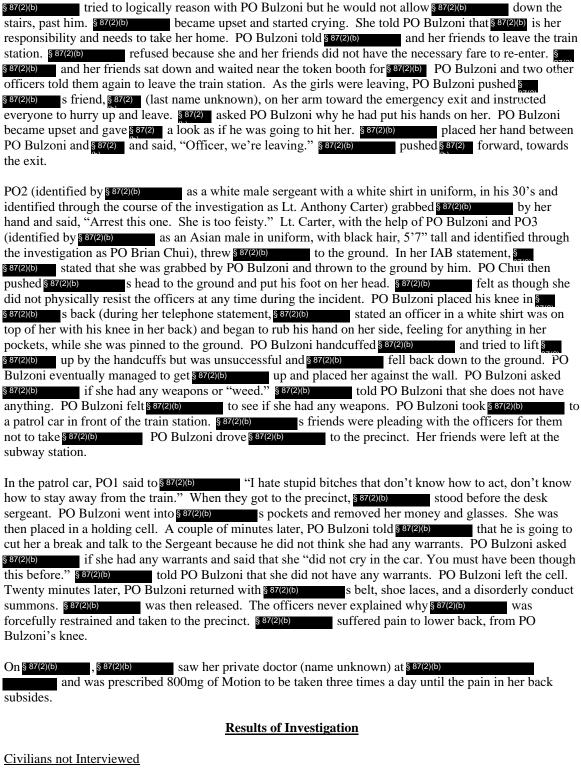
# CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	<b>✓</b> Force	☑ Discourt.	☐ U.S.
Brian DeRoberts		Team # 2	200809222	☐ Abuse	O.L.	✓ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Saturday, 06/07/2008 9:00 PM		Inside the Botanical Ga Station, Franklin Ave a		71	12/7/2009	12/7/2009
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:	: Date/Tim	e Received at CCF	RB
Mon, 06/23/2008 7:40 PM		IAB	Phone	Fri, 06/27	7/2008 3:17 PM	
Complainant/Victim	Туре	Home Addre	ss			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			
1. POM Frank Bulzoni	02681	936258	071 PCT			
2. LT Anthony Carter	00000	905913	071 PCT			
3. POM Brian Chiu	17928	943081	071 PCT			
Officer(s)	Allegation	on		Inv	estigator Recon	mendation
A.LT Anthony Carter	Force: Lt. Anthony Carter used physical force against (a)					
B.POM Frank Bulzoni	Force: PO Frank Bulzoni used physical force against \$87(2)					
C.POM Brian Chiu	Force: PO Brian Chiu used physical force against [887(2)]					
D.POM Frank Bulzoni	Discourtesy: PO Frank Bulzoni spoke obscenely to \$87(2)					

## **Synopsis**

On June 23, 2008, 37(2)(b) was connected from 911 to the Internal Affairs Bureau command center regarding an incident she was involved in on June 7, 2008. On that date, at approximately 8:00 pm, 387(2)(b) was on the train heading towards the Botanical Gardens stop. An individual menaced someone with a gun and a shot was fired on the train. In the chaos, 387(2)(b) split up from her friends. 387(2)(b) attempted to return to the train station platform. In her efforts, 387(2)(b) alleged that Lt. Anthony Carter, with the help of PO Frank Bulzoni and PO Brian Chui, threw her to the ground, while PO Chui placed his foot on 387(2)(b) shead, forcing it to the ground (Allegations A, B, and C). After being handcuffed and placed in the patrol car, PO Bulzoni allegedly told 387(2)(b) "I hate stupid bitches that don't know how to act, don't know how to stay away from the train" (Allegation D).
§ 87(2)(g)
Summary of Complaint
who stands 5'3" tall and weighs 200 pounds) provided an initial statement to IAB, log number 08-2798 (encl.6a-b) on June 23, 2008, a telephone statement to the CCRB (encl. 8) on July 3, 2008, and a sworn statement to the CCRB (encl. 9a-e) on July 24, 2008, concerning the events that take place on June 7, 2008. Her statements have been combined and all discrepancies are noted.
On June 7, 2008 at approximately 9:00 pm, 387(2)(b) was traveling on the B Train, returning from a day at the beach with five of her friends. As the train approached the Botanical Gardens stop, a group of males in the train began arguing. The dispute intensified and an individual pulled out a gun and started shooting. The train stopped at the Botanical Garden train station. 387(2)(b) and her friends fled the train and were separated in the commotion. Passengers were running in all directions, trying to exit the train. 387(2)(b) managed to get upstairs towards the station exit and was met by three of her friends in front of the token booth. 387(2)(b) (last name unknown) remained inside the train, which was stopped on the platform. Apparently, 387(2)(b) froze from the gun shots and went into a state of shock. Numerous officers arrived on the scene.
decided that it was necessary for her to go back down the stairs to get \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ was responsible for her friends because she was the only adult. By that time, four police officers, two plainclothes and two uniform officers, were present. The two plainclothes officers were talking to a female about what had happened on the platform. The other two uniform officers were on the top of the staircase. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ attempted to go around PO Bulzoni, who \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ identified by name and described as a small white male in uniform, in his late 30's, approximately 160 lbs and down the stairs. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ s friends were right behind her.
As she approached PO Bulzoni, she said, "Excuse me? Can I have my sister \$87(2)(b) and her friends refer to each other as sisters but are not related)?" PO Bulzoni told \$87(2)(b) that he has his eye on her \$87(2)(b) and that \$87(2)(b) can have \$87(2)(b) when he is ready. \$87(2)(b) explained to PO Bulzoni that she did not need him to have his eye on \$87(2)(b) Instead, she needed to take \$87(2)(b) home. PO Bulzoni told \$87(2)(b) to get out of here and proceeded to push \$87(2)(b) away from the stairs making contact with her back. \$87(2)(b) told PO Bulzoni not to touch her and that she just wanted to get \$87(2)(b) and find a different way home. \$87(2)(b) was out the train at this point, and on the platform, leaning up against a pole.



stated that she did not want her friends that were involved or witnessed the incident to participate in the investigation.

#### Identification of Officers Interviewed

PO Frank Bulzoni was identified by name by \$87(2)(b) and he later confirmed his involvement in the incident. Lt. Anthony Carter was identified through \$87(2)(b) s description of him and Lt. Carter confirmed being present at the incident location. PO Brian Chui was identified by \$87(2)(b) s description of him and PO Chui confirmed being involved in escorting \$87(2)(b) to the patrol car.

#### Police Officer Statements

#### Police Officer Frank Bulzoni

On November 19, 2008, PO Frank Bulzoni (a \$87(2)(b) -old, white male, standing 5'9" and weighing 160 lbs) was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 10a-e) concerning the events that took place on June 7, 2008.

PO Bulzoni worked from 5:30 pm on June 7, 2008 to 2:05 am on June 8, 2008. PO Bulzoni was assigned as the driver for Lt. Carter in a marked RMP (2394). Both Lt. Carter and PO Bulzoni were dressed in uniform and Lt. Carter was wearing a white shirt.

PO Bulzoni read the following memo book entry into the record: "2020 hours 10-52 dispute with a weapon inside transit at Franklin Avenue and Eastern Parkway. 2040 hours one under for sar(2)."

Franklin Avenue and Eastern Parkway. 2055 hours 10-62 administrative and 2110 hours 10-98."

PO Buzoni stated that at approximately 8:20 pm (as indicated in his memo book) there were shots fired on a train inside the Botanical Gardens transit stop on Franklin Avenue and Eastern Parkway. There were a bunch of kids on the train coming home from a beach party and something went wrong. Numerous units responded, including transit officers and the 71<sup>st</sup> Precinct. As PO Buzoni and Lt Carter arrived on scene, people were running all over the subway platform. PO Buzoni was instructed to clear people from the platform by Lt. Carter. After he was done clearing the platforms downstairs, PO Buzoni was instructed to go to the top of the stairs and not allow anyone down the stairs.

A heavy set black female (identified though the investigation as \$37(2)(b) approached the stairs

and stated to PO Buzoni, "I need to find my friend," insisting she be allowed to go down the stairs to the
subway platform. PO Buzoni instructed § 87(2)(b) to remain where she is (on top of the staircase away
from the shooting and police investigation). PO Buzoni told 887(2)(b) "Ma'am stay where you are.
Everyone is coming up the stairs and no one can go down." §87(2)(b) responded, "No, fuck you. I
need to find my friend." PO Buzoni instructed her again to stay where she is. An unidentified transit
Sergeant came up the stairs and told PO Buzoni to arrest \$87(2)(b) is she attempts to get past him.
87(2)(b) tried to push her way past PO Buzoni. PO Buzoni put his body in \$87(2)(b) s way to block
the stairs and prevent her from going down them. PO Buzoni did not use any further force with
Buzoni. PO Buzoni never pushed \$87(2)(b) up the stairs at any point and he stated that he was on top
of the stairs throughout his entire interaction with \$87(2)(b) server got down the stairs.
PO Buzoni followed orders and placed \$87(2)(b) under arrest for \$87(2)(b). Given that \$
87(2)(b) tried to force her way past PO Bulzoni and cursed at him, PO Bulzoni was prompted to arrest
PO Buzoni could not recall what \$87(2)(b) was yelling prior to being arrested. PO
Buzoni did not recall if §87(2)(b) s friend was on the staircase or the train platform.
PO Buzoni handcuffed \$87(2)(b) and escorted her to his patrol car outside the train station. No other
officers were involved nor did any other officers use any force with \$87(2)(b) was
transported to the Precinct. Lt. Carter was also in the car. PO Buzoni stated that he did frisk her after she
was under arrest. PO Buzoni did not specifically recall frisking her but presumed she was frisked right
where she was handcuffed by the stairs. PO Buzoni never accused § 87(2)(b) of possessing "weed" or
having any open warrants. Subsequently, a warrant check was done at the precinct adhering to procedure.
PO Buzoni never had \$87(2)(b) pinned to the ground. She was never even on the ground at any point.
PO Buzoni never had his knee in \$87(2)(b) s back at any point during the incident. \$87(2)(b) told
PO Bulzoni that she had friends with her but PO Bulzoni never saw them or had any contact with them.

While transporting \$87(2)(b) to the Precinct, she was crying and begging PO Buzoni to let her go. PO Bulzoni never told \$87(2)(b) "I hate stupid bitches and they don't know how to stay away from the train." PO Bulzoni did not recall if \$87(2)(b) used any profanity at that point.
At the Precinct, PO Buzoni talked with \$87(2)(b) was acting "pretty cool" and had calmed down. \$87(2)(b) seemed to know what she did was wrong. PO Buzoni asked Lt. Carter if he could let \$87(2)(b) go with a summons because she was only \$87(2)(b) old and was acting appropriate inside the Precinct. Lt Carter agreed and \$87(2)(b) was released with a \$87(2)(b) summons. \$87(2)(b) was held in the cell for approximately 15 minutes. At no point was \$87(2)(b) forced to the ground by PO Buzoni or any other officers. \$87(2)(b) never complained of any injuries.
PO Buzoni added to the record that if anything happened out of the ordinary as she has alleged, he would have put her though the system. The fact that PO Buzoni gave \$87(2)(0) a C summons and let her go, is proof that nothing out of the ordinary happened. PO Buzoni was doing a favor to \$87(2)(0) by letting her go with only a summons.
Police Officer Brian Chui On March 11, 2009, PO Brian Chui (a \$87(2)(b)] -old, Asian male, standing 5'6" tall and weighting 170 lbs) was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 11a-e) concerning the events that took place on June 7, 2008.
PO Chui worked from 5:30 pm on June 7, 2008, to 2:05 am on June 8, 2008. PO Chui was assigned to foot post 7 - Franklin Avenue. PO Chui was working with PO Diethch. PO Chui was dressed in uniform. PO Chui did not have any memo book entries concerning this incident.
PO Chui stated that at approximately 9:00 pm on June 7, 2008, there was a 10-85 call for additional units at the Franklin Avenue and Eastern Parkway subway station. PO Chui and his partner, PO Diethch, went down to the train entrance on the southeast corner of Franklin Avenue and Eastern Parkway. They proceeded downstairs to the subway station to see where the 85 was. At first, PO Chui could not find the exact location of the 85 so they walked around the station and ended up on the Eastern Parkway entrance. Once they got inside the station, PO Chui observed numerous people around and over 50 officers from transit and the 71st Precinct.
PO Chui observed a black female (identified though the investigation as \$87(2)(b) handcuffed and standing. PO Chui did not recall which officers were around the female, what was going on, or where exactly the female was standing within the train station. PO Chui never saw \$67(2)(b) on the ground or pinned to the ground by any officers. PO Chui assisted in escorting \$87(2)(b) to the patrol car. PO Chui was responsible for making sure \$87(2)(b) was secured in the patrol car. PO Chui did not know why she was apprehended or which officers were involved in apprehending her. PO Chui did not know what she was being arrested for. PO Chui did not witness her being placed in handcuffs and only escorted her from the subway station to the patrol car. He never learned of what had happened. PO Chui was not ordered by a specific officer to escort \$87(2)(b) to the car but assisted because she was most-likely not compliant. PO Chui did not specifically recall \$87(2)(b) being non-compliant. PO Chui stated that he walked \$87(2)(b) with other officers (did not know who but there were a lot of officers present). PO Chui placed \$87(2)(b) in the patrol car. She began hitting herself up against the car door and cursing. PO Chui did not know why she was banding herself against the car door. PO Chui recalled \$87(2)(b) saying, "Fuck you" once inside the patrol car.
PO Chui did not know which officers were involved in restraining \$87(2)(b) and stated that he never witnessed any officers using force with \$87(2)(b) PO Chui did not know whose patrol car he placed in. PO Chui assumed that \$87(2)(b) was taken to the 71st Precinct. After the incident, PO Chui and his partner returned to their foot post.
PO Chui stated that the only force he used with \$87(2)(b) was placing her in the RMP. PO Chui did not observe any injuries on \$87(2)(b) When PO Chui was escorting \$87(2)(b) to the RMP he did not hear her complain that the officers did anything to her. PO Chui did not see any officers frisk or search

himself with her, specially calling her a "little bitch." PO Chui stated that there were numerous supervisors present, including Lt. Carter who signed his memo book as part of standard procedure. Lt Carter is PO Chiu's lieutenant supervisor.

#### **Lieutenant Anthony Carter**

On January 20, 2009, Lt. Anthony Carter (a 587(2)(0) -old, white male, standing 5'10" and weighing 180 lbs) was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 12a-b) concerning the events that took place on June 7, 2008.

Lt. Carter worked from 5:30 pm on June 7, 2008, to 2:05 am on June 8, 2008. He was assigned to impact as the supervising Lieutenant and working with PO Bulzoni. Lt. Carter was dressed in uniform wearing a white shirt. Lt. Carter was assigned a marked motor vehicle but did not recall the vehicle's number. Lt. Carter did not have any memo book entries concerning this incident.

Lt. Carter stated that at approximately 9:00 pm on June 7, 2008, he responded to a 10-85 (need additional units) or shots fired job. It may have been both because there were several different calls from the dispatcher requesting additional units at the subway station on Eastern Parkway. Once on the scene, Lt. Carter was informed by an unidentified transit sergeant that there was possibly a gun down on the transit platform. Immediately, Lt. Carter went down to the platform from the staircase on the street level. It was apparent that something had happened. There were numerous people who needed to be removed from the platform. Lt. Carter stated that he was all over the subway station and there was a lot of commotion with people trying to leave.

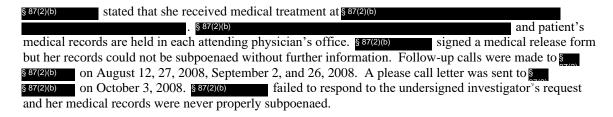
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§ 87(2)(b)	who was described	l by the invest	tigator to Lt.	Carter. Lt. Car	ter never use	ed physical force to take
§ 87(2)(b)	to the ground.	Lt Carter did	not see any	officers take § 87	(2)(b)	to the ground. Lt.
Carter did	not recall telling § 8	7(2)(b) t	to leave the s	ubway but state	d that the of	ficers were trying to
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While on the scene, Lt. Carter was accounting for all his personnel which he explained to be making sure his officers were accounted for. Lt. Carter did not recall giving any specific assignments to any officers. Over 20 officers were present. There were several supervisors on the scene which also included transit supervisors. Lt. Carter did not recall how long he was on the scene.

After the incident, Lt. Carter went back to the Precinct. Lt. Carter believed he transported \$87(2)(b)

Lt. Carter noted that her behavior was loud and she was yelling but he did not recall any details. Lt. Carter never heard PO Bulzoni tell \$87(2)(b) that he "hates stupid bitches that do not know how to act and do not know ho to stay away from the train." Lt. Carter did not recall having any interaction with \$87(2)(b) at the Precinct. Lt. Carter did not recall why she was issued a summons in lieu of the arrest.

#### Medical Records



#### Subject Officers' CCRB History

PO Bulzoni has been employed with the NYPD for four years and does not have any substantiated CCRB allegations (encl. 3). PO Chui has been employed with the NYPD for two years and does not have any substantiated CCRB allegations (encl. 11a-e). Lt. Carter has been employed with the CCRB for 15 years and has one CCRB substantiated allegation, case # 9803955 for other Abuse. There is no disposition or penalty listed by the NYPD (encl. 2).

#### Police Documents

### **Sprint**

The police radio audio communications CD as well as Sprint reports were received for June 7, 2008 (encl. 13a-j). The Sprint was generated in response to several 911 calls reporting shots fired in the train station on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn beginning at 8:19 pm on June 7, 2008. At approximately 8:20 pm, officers begin to report arriving on scene. The Transit Sprint reports at 8:23 pm that a group of youths are running around. At 8:27 pm, a large crowd is reported and officers are attempting to make the crowd disperse. At 8:40 pm, one arrest was made. At 8:42 pm the Impact Lieutenant puts over the air that no shots were fired by MOS and no gun was found.

#### Roll Call

The 71<sup>st</sup> Precinct roll call from June 7, 2008 was received (encl. 14a-q). It listed that PO Buzoni was assigned to conditions, PO Chui was assigned to impact, and Lt. Carter was the impact coordinator.

#### **Command Log**

The 71<sup>st</sup> Precinct command log (encl. 15) reflects that \$87(2)(b) was charged with \$87(2)(b) by PO Bulzoni at 8:46 pm. The log noted that \$87(2)(b) s physical condition was "a/n (apparently normal)" and she had 26 dollars on her.

#### **Summons**

The \$87(2)(b) summons PO Bulzoni issued to \$87(2)(b) in lieu of the arrest could not be found by IAB and was never received. \$87(2)(b) stated that she pleaded not guilty to the summons. However, the final disposition could not be confirmed.

#### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

#### **Identification of Subject Officers**

described interacting primarily with PO Bulzoni (identified by name) and two male officers, presumed to be Lt. Carter and PO Chui, respectively. 87(2)(b) alleged that an older male officer, in uniform with a white shirt grabbed her and with the help of PO Bulzoni and an Asian male officer in uniform, threw her to the ground. 87(2)(b) further alleged that the Asian male officer used his foot to force 87(2)(b) s head to the ground. All of the officers interviewed denied using any level of physical force to bring 87(2)(b) to the ground. 87(2)(g)

Numerous officers from different commands responded to the Botanical Gardens train station from multiple 911 calls and requests for additional units to respond on June 7, 2008. Reports were put over that shots were fired and a group of youths were running around. At 8:27 pm, a large crowd is reported and officers are attempting to make the crowd disperse. PO Buzoni did not allow \$87(2)(b) down the stairs to the train platform. \$87(2)(b) was handcuffed and taken to the 71st Precinct where she was issued a summons for \$87(2)(b) never physically resisted the officer(s) during the incident.
Disputed Facts
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PO Bulzoni denied saying, "I hate stupid bitches that don't know how to act, don't know how to stay away from the train." Lt. Carter denied hearing this remark in the patrol car. §87(2)(9)
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